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E. Pretty TO S.R.H. POYNTON
(ORIG ON 97280/51)

28.5.51.

Mr. Surridge, Sir G. Whiteley, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Selwyn may wish to comment on (35)/. The problem is not, I imagine, a very severe one in Brunei.

(Sgd.) C.S. Roberts
28th June.

Since the major industry in Brunei is externally owned, any higher prices it may be getting will increase internal purchasing power only in so far as it means higher wages, etc. In these circumstances, inflation is not likely to be a serious problem.

(Sgd.) P. Selwyn
29/6.

Mr. Palmer is away on annual leave. I regret that I cannot usefully comment: (and to have delayed this a few days).

(Sgd.) ?
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Sir G. Whiteley.

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Pl. extract
to Brunei
Cooperative
pp.
(Intd.) G.C.W.
5/7

x on 35 may be extracted to your papers and an S/O letter may be sent to Mr. Barcroft asking for details about legislation, supervision and audit of these consumer societies? It may be that the Registrar of Cooperative Societies Sarawak (Noakes) has been called in to advise. If so he may have put in a report. If you wish I will put up a draft for your signature.

(Sgd.) B.J. Surridge.
2/7/51.

As regards (35) generally Mr. Selwyn's minute of 29/6 seems to be an accurate appraisal of the position, and I agree with the para. marked X.

I shall be glad to avail myself of Mr. Surridge's offer above.

(Sgd.) G.C. Whiteley
5.7.51.

S.G. Whiteley.

Draft letter.

B.J. Surridge.

12/7/51.

Thank you

G.C.W.

12/7

2. Barcroft — Brunei — 21 JUL 1951

3 J. H. BARCROFT — BRUNEI — 8. 8. 51

Mr. Sumida

(3) is reassuring.

You will be interested to see, then
put by!

C. C. Whitely

20/8.

See marks.

M. Sumida.
20/8.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"RESIDENT BRUNEI"

Office of the British Resident,

Ref: (36) in B.R.O. 584/50

Brunei, 8th August 1951.

Dear Sir Gerald, ✓ 15/8

(2)

Thank you for your letter 59728/51 dated the 21st of July on the subject of Co-operative Shops. Unfortunately I have been unable to trace Pretty's letter to Poynton of the 28th of May.

However no co-operative shop has as yet been started in Brunei. There is one Government Store in Brunei Town which caters largely for the Government officials but this is not a co-operative shop though we hope it will become one in the fullness of time.

We are anxious to start a co-operative movement in Brunei and have corresponded with Noakes on the subject. He advised that no start should be made until we have the legislation and an experienced Supervisor. Subsequently the High Commissioner approved that a suitable officer from the Brunei Government should be selected for training in the Co-operative Development Department in Kuching and this has been done and a Brunei Officer is now in Kuching on a two year course. It is hoped that we will be able to send a second officer to Kuching for training in 1953.

I entirely agree that it is highly desirable, indeed essential, that the Commissioner in Kuching should act as our Adviser on co-operative matters and I can assure you that I have no intention of embarking on any rash local experiment.

Yours sincerely,

John Danvers

Sir G.C. Whiteley Bt., K.C.M.G.,
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COLONIAL OFFICE,
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59728/51.

21 July, 1951.

Dear Buergh.

Please refer to Pretty's letter to Poynton of the 28th May about inflation in which he said that some co-operative shops had been started and it was hoped to expand the movement in the near future.

It is generally accepted that where there are even the beginnings of a co-operative movement it is essential to have proper legislation and an officer of Government to supervise the societies. We shall be glad to know what is contemplated in this connection in Brunei. Surridge, the Secretary of State's Adviser on Co-operation suggests that you call on Noakes from Sarawak to give you some advice on these points if this has not already been done. It might be desirable for him to act as Adviser on co-operative matters to the Sultanate and any Brunei co-operative officer could be trained by him at Kuching, subject of course to the agreement of the Governor of Sarawak. It is important that small societies in the early stages should be shepherded along the right path.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: G. C. Whiteley

J. H. C. BARCROFT, ESQ.

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Mr. Surridge 12/7.

Mr. Sir G Whiteley. 12/7

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Secretary of State



Your Reference.....

For Sir G Whiteley's signature.

DRAFT.

S/O letter to

J.H.C. Barcroft Esq
British Resident
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FURTHER ACTION.

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We are therefore convinced that Co-operative shops are the best answer here. We have already started some and hope to expand the movement in the near future. This may not seem to amount to much but I feel it is the best we can do at present.

(E. Pretty to Sir H. Poynton)

To J. C. H. Bampf.

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